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WASHINGTON.

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Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.

LAW TO ENFORCE THE AMENDMENTS.

The Reconstruction Committee has agreed to report a bill to enforce all amendment recently made to the Constitution of the United States. It is engaged with Mr. Lawrence, of Ohio, and is drafting necessary instructions. Chief Justice Chase held, in a decision last summer, that the amendment does not execute itself. The bill now in preparation does not execute itself. It provides a penalty for any officer to [illegible] prescribed in the Fourteenth Amendment, and imposes the penalties of felony on persons who put into office persons without having been relieved from political disabilities. It gives the courts power to do everything necessary to enforce any constitutional amendment already made, as well as to any which may be made hereafter. It confers additional conditions and carry into effect that clause of the Constitution by which each State is admitted to representation in Congress. The final section provides that any person who, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or otherwise, shall subject any person to be subjected to the deprivation of any right, privilege, or immunity secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States, or of any State or Territory, to the deprivation or denial of such right, privilege, or immunity, by any assembly, or by any combination of persons, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and punished accordingly.

THE LEGAL-TENDER DECISION.

There is a good deal of feeling in official and political circles about the decision made by the Supreme Court, rendering void so much of the Legal-Tender question. A careful reading of the full opinion shows that the decision is not upon it, by lawyers who have studied it, to be unconstitutional in this respect. They unhesitatingly affirm that the power of the Government to contract made since the passage; but whatever inferences may be drawn from its reasoning, there certainly is a distinct affirmation of the power, and the consideration of what he actually said, in connection with what has been spoken and written since, tends to lead a number of persons to now fear that the whole decision may be swept away. [illegible] given by several members of the bench since. The remarks of the Chief Justice in the decision of the case of Hepburn against Griswold, and those of Justice Grier about irredeemable paper money, are cited as showing that they are not becoming in a man who did so many years ago. The remarks of Justice Swayne in the case of Hepburn against Griswold, and a strong article published here, in which the idea is held that he went out of the case in order to make this decision upon the point of the power, and that his language is improper and impertinent. It may be added that the opinion sustaining the constitutionality of the [illegible] and [illegible] concurred in by Justice Nelson, who has been confirmed, he would at least have concurred in the views of Miller.

NATIONAL BANKS.

The Comptroller of the Currency has received full returns from the banks. Thanks to the circular sent out last summer, asking information upon every feature of National Bank business, the returns are very complete. 1,514 banks asked for the year ending September 30, 1869. They show the aggregate amount of business done by these banks in the various parts of the country for the time was [illegible] number of banks, 1,514; average amount of business (sixty-nine days), [illegible]; United States taxes paid, $10,099,983.97; State taxes paid, $8,378,771.99; miscellaneous taxes paid, $21,491,098.96; total amount of taxes paid, $40,013,854.07; average rate of dividends, 10.1 per cent.

GENERAL SICKLES.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at a meeting this morning, agreed to report favorably on the nomination of General Sickles as Minister to Spain.

RUSSELL JONES.

They had up the nomination of Russell Jones, as Minister to Belgium, but did nothing except call for certain papers in the case.

THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.

The Reciprocity Treaty with the Sandwich Islands was considered, and an amendment made to [illegible] and the [illegible] for its ratification. On the former occasion, when this was before the Senate, it might have carried a majority, but not the two-thirds of the Senators.

THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ST. THOMAS.

The committee had but little talk about San Domingo and St. Thomas treaties, and they remain as they were days ago.

PENSIONS IN NURSERY.

The joint Committee on Retrenchment have agreed to report in favor of transferring the educational work of the Freedmen's Bureau to the Bureau of Education, and [illegible] an annual saving of between $60,000 and $80,000 will be made by such transfer. They will order up a new bill carefully limiting the functions of the Bureau of Education so that it cannot interfere with the right of each State to manage its own school system. The confirmation of Gessner Harrison as Commissioner will not take place for some days, as Barnard begs for time in which to finish up his work.

THE CASE.

A test case has been made up in this district on the question whether Confederate soldiers have a right to vote under our local laws. The case is that of [illegible] Georgetown, was a person not entitled to vote, and claims suffrage under Andrew's general amnesty proclamation of July 4, 1868. The Board of Registration refused to place his name on the poll list. The case will soon be heard before Justice Cartter, on the application for a writ of mandamus against the board.

THE TREASURY SITUATION OF DOWN.

The statement from the United States Treasury office shows that in the month of January the Department has purchased bonds amounting to $66,372,000, $26,497,500 of which belong to the sinking fund, and $70,175,250 are subject to the action of Congress, and are covered into the Treasury by the new funding bill. The annual interest on these bonds amounts to $624,354. The department buys another million on Thursday.

FREEDMEN'S SCHOOLS.

The Superintendent of Freedmen's Schools writing from Charleston, S. C., says that South Carolina has sent appropriate [illegible] to aid freedmen in, becoming and owners; that $5,000 of the money is thereby [illegible] their education, and that the Governor will recommend an appropriation this year of $40,000 for a similar purpose.

THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The Military Committee, in [illegible] its investigation into the [illegible] of navy and army stores, has called on the War Department for all information at its command bearing on an inquiry. Some time since the Judiciary Committee [illegible] already reached them, to be brought to a proper way by examination.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CENSUS.

It is understood that General Francis A. Walker, Deputy Special Revenue Commissioner, and head of Bureau of Statistics, has resigned his position, and will at once enter on duty as Superintendent of Census, having been appointed to that place by Secretary Cox, under the provisions of the old law. If Mosier has a pass[illegible] reading the change of the Superintendent in the Presidency, he will nominate Walker for confirmation.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MILITARY ASSIGNMENT.

The assignment following staff officers was made by order of the President: General Edmund Rice, to the Pacific; General Thomas Williams, from Washington to Virginia; General Brooks, to Washington; to Missouri; General Augur, from the Pacific to Washington; Colonel Lee, to the Department of the Missouri; Colonel Conner Martin, who comes here; Major Burt, to the Department of the East; Major Sanford Perry, from Washington, to the Department of the Pacific; Major Savage to the department of Dakota; Major Hamilton, from Missouri, to Washington; General Miller, from the Fifth Military District, to the Department of Missouri; Major McMurtrie, from Washington to Detroit; Major McElroy, from Washington to the District of the South; Major Chittenden, to the Department of Arizona; Captain Alden, to the Pacific; General Ekin, from Washington, to the Department of the East; General Sheridan, to the Department of the Missouri; Major Lauman, to Washington; Major Perry, from Washington, to the Department of the Lakes; Major Lee, to the Department of the Lakes; Colonel Liddington, from Missouri, to Washington; Captain Thomas, from Washington, to Washington; Captain Thomas, from Washington, to Arizona; Captain Hall, to Texas; Captain Sloane, to Nebraska, relieved by General Burton; Colonel Hoffman, from Washington, to Missouri; Major McClure, General Beck, Washington, to Washington; Major Bell, Washington, to Washington; Major Maguire, Washington, to New Orleans; Major Sanford, Washington, to Missouri; Assistant Surgeon Dakota, to Washington; Assistant Surgeon Smith, Dakota, to Washington; Major Perry, Washington, to Fisher, Washington, to New Mexico; Major Bell, Washington, to Texas; Major Hamilton, Washington, to Rochester, New Mexico, to Washington; Major Burton, Washington, to the Lakes; Major Norvell, Washington, to the Lakes; Major Hamilton, Washington, to the Department of Columbia; the office of Paymaster at Baltimore to be discontinued; Major Hall, Department of Columbia, to Missouri; Major Moore, Department of Columbia, to Washington; Major Hall, Washington, to Fortress Monroe; Major Lee, Washington, to Fortress Monroe; Major Hall, Fortress Monroe, to Washington; Major Hall, Washington, to fight horse battalion, with Hacke retired; Colonel Hoffman, Washington, to Missouri; Colonel Goodwin, to relieve Colonel Backe, signal service, Colonel Kirk, from the defenses of Washington, to Philadelphia; Colonel Craighill, relieving Colonel Stewart; Colonel Craighill, relieving Colonel Stewart; Colonel Craighill, relieving Colonel Comstock, relieved from engineer duty in the office of Chief Engineer; Major Wheeler, to Washington; Major Comstock, to Washington; Major Wheeler, to Washington; Major Comstock, to Washington; Major Wheeler, to Washington; Major Comstock, to Washington

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Our article of yesterday on the legal tender decision was written upon the heels of the first despatches received from Washington, which stated that it was silent as to the constitutionality of the act in respect of contracts made subsequent to its passage. The full text of the decision shows that the Court expressly affirmed the general constitutionality, and differed only on the application to prior-existing debts, the majority holding that it does not apply to such debts.

THE VOTE ON THE TARIFF.

The vote in the House of Representatives on Monday on the Marshall resolutions will be accepted by the country as a hopeful sign that the day of monopoly and excessive taxation is drawing to a close. The resolutions were as follows:

Resolved, That the power granted in the Federal Constitution to levy duties, and to lay taxes on imports, was granted for the purpose of revenue for the common defense and general welfare; that the power to levy duties for any purpose other than revenue, and necessarily confined to such objects as are necessary to the execution of the express powers granted by the Constitution to Congress, and especially over those of commerce and taxation, and necessarily confined to foster and enrich one section or one country at the expense of another, or to favor and enrich one class of citizens at the expense of others, is unauthorized by the constitution, subversive of the principles on which it is founded, destructive of the liberties of the American people, and in its practical results injurious eventually to nearly every interest it is supposed to benefit.

Resolved, That in the preparation of a bill for the levying of taxes, the Committee of Ways and Means should confine its action strictly to the object of raising a revenue for the support of the Government, and that the duties on no article should be greater than the amount necessary for the maximum of revenue in such articles.

These resolutions assert the correct principle. They declare that taxation for any other purpose than revenue is unjust, unauthorized, and injurious eventually to every interest in the country. The records of the tariff for protection made the test vote upon laying these resolutions on the table. This was greatly in their favor, because there are a great many persons who will vote against a high tariff bill, and against high duties upon particular objects, who will not vote that a particular tax is unwise and unjust. But, even under all these advantages, the motion to lay on the table was carried by only 13 majority. The following is a classification of the vote:

YEAS.	
Alabama—Lynch, Shelley, Hale.....	3
Arkansas—Rice, Boles.....	2
Connecticut—Starkweather, Strong, Hubbard.....	3
Florida—Hawkins.....	1
Indiana—Voorhees.....	1
Iowa—Price.....	1
Kansas—Clarke.....	1
Kentucky—Beck, Young, Stevenson, Leffler, Wickliffe, Trimble, Harris, Mallory, Dawes.....	10
Maine—Morrill, Lynch, Hale, Dunlap, Hale, Blanchard.....	6
Maryland—Creswell, Dennis, Pitts, Pitcher, Cresap, Strickland.....	6
Missouri—Hall, Anderson, Van Horn.....	3
Nebraska—Tipton.....	1
New Hampshire—Patterson.....	1
New Jersey—Ransom, Sawyer.....	2
New York—Kellogg, Ketchum, Fenton, Wheeler, Kelsey, Hotchkiss, Ward, Walker, Bennett.....	9
North Carolina—Dockery, Person, Winslow, Wilson, Welker, Blow, Ochiltree, Scott, Wilson, Waddell, Kenan, Love.....	11
Ohio—Schenck, Smith, Wilson, Wilder, Monroe, Pendleton, Campbell, Ritchie, Finck, Ashley.....	10
Pennsylvania—O'Neill, Kelley, Boyer, Myers, Packer, Dawson, Lowry, Mercur, Buckalew, Hall, Dimmick, Jenkins, Myers.....	13
Rhode Island—Sprague, Anthony.....	2
South Carolina—Whittemore, Rainey, Hoge.....	3
Tennessee—Stokes, Maynard, Fitzpatrick, Jones, Thomas, Swan, Heiskell, Atkins.....	8
Vermont—Edmunds, Poland, Converse.....	3
West Virginia—Hall, Boreman, Kitzer.....	3
Wisconsin—Paine, Orton, Washburn.....	3
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NAYS.	
Alabama—Dox, Shapherd.....	2
Arkansas—Rogers.....	1
California—Cole, Higby.....	2
Delaware—Bayard.....	1
Illinois—Farnsworth, Ingersoll, Cullom, McClernand, Beaty, Burr, Marshall, Hay, Green.....	9
Indiana—Julian, Shanklin, Colfax, Orth, Peter, Shanks, McCrary, Niblack, Kerr, Kitchell, Voorhees, Coffroth, Denning, Holman.....	13
Iowa—Allison, Wilson, Kasson, Hall, Wright, Rankin, Sloan.....	7
Kentucky—Randall, Smith, Aldrich, Grider, Bush, Menzies, Boyd, Hunter, Knott, Beatty, Bowles, Thomas, Wadsworth, Mallory, Taylor, Pile, Cox, Van Horn, Wood, Todd, Middleton, Morris, Sweeney.....	21
Maine—Wood, Frye, Peters.....	3
Maryland—Hamilton, Harris, Morrison.....	3
Michigan—Beaman, Conger, Ferry, Chipman, Upson.....	5
Minnesota—Windom, Donnelly.....	2
New Jersey—Haight, Ward.....	2
New York—Morgan, Schumaker, Morris, Orr, Cobb, Brooks, Wood, Chanler, Benjamin.....	9
North Carolina—Brooks, Fowle, Reade, Turner, Pool, Van Trump, Dockery, Grady, Cobb, Van Alen, Wood, Reid, Holden, Stanford.....	12
Ohio—Garfield, Bolmer, Shellabarger, Cox, Taylor, Morgan, Sloane, Hutchins, Harrington.....	9
Pennsylvania—Broomall, Scofield, Moore, Cake, Miller, Strouse, Myers, Ehle, Adams, Glossbrenner, Mungen, Boyer, Stevens, Laporte, Fisher, Getz, Van Alen, Woodward, Heidenman, Kline, Mercur.....	21
Rhode Island—Bolmer, Harrington.....	2
Virginia—Bolmer, Wilson, Segar.....	3
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Those in favor are Republicans.
Yeas—Republicans, 97. Democrats, 1.
Nays—Republicans, 24. Democrats, 92.
Absent—Republicans 34. Democrats, 16.

A number of the absent Republicans would have voted for the resolutions, and had the House been full and a direct vote been taken, the result would have probably been:

For the resolutions, Republicans.....	31
For the resolutions, Democrats.....	1
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Against the resolutions, Republicans.....	24
Against the resolutions, Democrats.....	92
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Majority against resolutions.....	16

This majority will be affected by the votes of the new members from Mississippi and Texas. Georgia is not represented, and Louisiana has had but one member admitted.

This vote is marked with certain unmistakable peculiarities. It will be seen that every member of New England who was present voted for laying on the table. The only Democratic member from that section—Barnum, of Connecticut, was absent. Seven Republicans from Ohio, who lived in the days of Henry Clay, could not overcome their old Whig education to the extent of voting that it was wrong to impose a tax except for the revenue; but there were four other Republicans from that State who were not thus hampered by the traditions of a past age. There was but one Indiana member who voted for protection. That delegation stands 10 to 1. Of the Illinoisans who were present, all voted that there should be no taxation except for revenue. The absent members were Logan, Cook, Hawley, Ross, and Farnsworth. But three of the Wisconsin members voted, and they voted for high taxes without revenue.

The most noticeable exhibition was that made by the Michigan delegation. Two years ago the protectionists offered to the State of Michigan a tax that would crush out of existence the copper-smelting business in every other State, and, in return, the Michigan members promised to do whatever was the whim of them. Herod was "exceeding sorry" for his rash promise; and let us hope that the Michigan members are not less penitent, though, like him, they carried out the contract.

In gratifying contrast with the vote of Michigan is that of Iowa. But one vote was given from that noble State for taxation without revenue. It is also a cheering sign that there were five votes from Pennsylvania against the policy of protection. Twenty-five years ago David Wilmot had to advocate a tariff for revenue only, and his people sustained him. Therefore, Pennsylvanians may successfully make the same issue in their State. It is an issue which, when fairly made, can have but one result. The tariff is a tax. Shall that tax be collected for the government or for private individuals? That is a question which all men can understand, and upon which the country is rapidly uniting. Let Congress impose all the taxes needful for the wants of the government, but off with all taxes for any other purpose.

It will be noticed that the gentleman from Florida, and three from South Carolina, and two from Arkansas, voted for taxation without revenue. It will be difficult to understand why the member from Nevada voted to tax his people. Nebraska wants cheap iron, salts, cotton and woollen cloths, steel, furniture, glass, and northern wines. Her industry is paralyzed by different rates of transportation on the one side and two thousand on the other, and yet her Representative voted to tax the people to put money into the treasury but to take it out.

There is a bill pending in Congress which recites that there are some four thousand acres of government land lying along the Little Calumet River, in Porter and Lake Counties, Indiana, which were described in the original surveys as an impassable morass, and which have never been surveyed or sold. There has been organized, under the laws of Indiana, a company to drain the valley of the Calumet River, including the supposed morass. This bill is intended to give this company a lien upon the land for such proportion of the cost of draining as that land may be assessed against it. The bill also provides that the swamp lands shall be reclaimed, and the surplus *junior* officers should be mustered out, with one year's pay proper, in mustering out, the only just and fair rule, in all cases, is the "seniority rule." It is but few months ago that the last of the volunteer Paymasters were mustered out, and there is to-day a large number of volunteer (omitted) surgeons still in the Medical Department of the army. They, and all like officers now on "waiting orders" of their own election, should be mustered out instanter.

The Mormons have stolen the march on their Gentile emancipators by passing in their Territorial Legislature an act allowing all women to vote, which will be tested, of course, by one allowing all women to hold office. This is intended to head off the Cullom bill, and to show beyond a doubt that the Mormon women are under no constraint. Brigham Young, so long as his wives continue to agree with him in politics, will practically cast some sixty votes, and the other saints in proportion. Not a bad stroke for Brigham. He can now pour discourse with extreme unction upon the superior freedom of Mormon ladies over that of their Gentile sisters. Mormon missionaries can now hold forth a new attraction to win converts to their advancing Zion. Every woman can have a vote and a man, and every man can have as many wives,—*ergo*, as many votes,—as he desires. What freedom can be more comprehensive? We blush to ask. What recognition will the regular Woman Suffrage party of the straight ticket give to this new reinforcement? Brigham has made forty thousand women voters in a jiffy, while the eloquent Susan, the caustic Elizabeth, and the "sarcastical" Lucy still plead in vain for the power to cast a solitary ballot. Verily, they that have sat have become first, and, of all the tyrant men, he that was most tyrannical has done the thing. How presumptuous!

Senator Drake is strongly pressed for the Supreme Court by the delegation from Missouri. We can appreciate their desires to serve Senator Drake, to give their State a representative on the Supreme Bench, and to make way for a new Senator, to be selected, probably, from among their own number. But among the many official positions for which Senator Drake's natural disabilities and acquired misinformation specially fit him, that of Judge of the Supreme Court happens not to be one.

There are, among our Senators, some three-striped Judges—among whom Senator Trumbull, if he could be spared, would be one for Iowa, of Wisconsin may be named. But Senator Drake's recent effort to prove that the Supreme Court has no power under the constitution to decide an act of Congress unconstitutional should of itself be deemed conclusive proof of his unfitness to sit in that Court. A lawyer who would abolish the constitution, by allowing it to be changed, overridden, defied, and trampled on by every partisan Congress, ought not to hold an office which calls upon him to defend the constitution from unconstitutional legislation.

Belleville, the scene of the riots, by which the partisans of Rochefort are relieving his arrest, is a remote quarter of Paris, considerably farther from the Tuileries than the famous Faubourg St. Antoine and inhabited by a still worse class of the population. The fact that the troops have not yet fired on the rioters indicates at once that the affair has not yet assumed serious proportions and that the government is prudent as well as prepared for all emergencies.

The New York Central Railroad last year, with $15,586,000 gross earnings, paid interest on $11,000,000 debt, and 8 per cent dividends on $52,000,000 stock. The Erie, with gross earnings of $16,721,000, paid interest and rents on $37,000,000, and no dividends whatever on its stock of $70,000,000. One would be led by such a difference to suspect that something must be wrong in the Fisk-al management of the Erie Railway.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

Miss Rosy Holland was voted the handsomest young lady in Marion, at a church festival in that town a few evenings since.

In the town of Salem, on Friday last, the heaviest grain crop was Mr. P. Silvertoop—27 60; insured for $4,000. The *Courier* says: "It is less than half an hour after the fire was discovered, a portion of the frame wall fell with a crash into Main street. No less than ten persons were in the building at the time, and several were just coming out of the door when the smoke and dust cleared away. William Rotchson was most severely cut from the vicinity of the fallen wall. His head was severely cut and his back somewhat injured. J. C. Calderwood came out, having received a severe blow on the hip from a falling brick. John McDonald was not hurt, but not severely. But soon the painful report was spread among the excited throng that Mr. Thomas Hamilton was dead. A cloth in Mr. L. Hamilton's store was being brought out from the ruins in a dying condition. He was taken to his room in Mr. Hamilton's residence, where every effort was made to restore life, but it was of no avail. One or two others were severely crushed, his lower jaw was fractured, and it is thought his spine was injured. Mr. Hamilton was a native of Ireland, and was about sixty-five years of age. He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, and his loss will be severely felt by his family and friends. Mr. Hamilton's son, who was in the building at the time, escaped with a few bruises and a severe shaking up. Mr. Hamilton's son, who was in the building at the time, escaped with a few bruises and a severe shaking up. The building was owned by Mr. Hamilton, and was insured for $2,000 in the Home, of Hartford, and $1,000 in the Phœnix, of Brooklyn. The loss on the building is $3,000, and on the stock $5,000. The building was a two-story brick, and was occupied by Mr. Hamilton as a dry-goods store, and by Mr. Rotchson as a boot and shoe store. The fire originated from a defective flue."

The editor of the Rockport (Texas) *Transcript* was presented a pair of boots with the following remarks, measuring nearly four inches in circumference. He says: "There were many more on the same, but this was the only one that contained a solitary dollar. The others were equally as large, and will upon in a few days."

Illinois is the place for queer societies. One recently broken up was composed of students who proposed to repeal matrimony, property, and government, distribute the property of each man to the rest. Wade's principle, kill all officers of the law, and cut out the tongues of literary men who may oppose the movement. Their morals or opinions have been transferred to Siberia.

The principal feature in the new treaty between Russia and China is the definition of the boundary question. A breadth of fourteen miles of neutral ground is ineffed along the entire frontier, and the regulations import or export dues are only claimed on passing beyond this limit. All merchants passing this boundary must have a passport and a guard to see that they do not carry contraband. The treaty is fixed for five years from date.

Living in Harrodsburg, Kentucky is an old negro woman who is ninety or quite close to it. She has a son who is ninety-six, and a daughter who is eighty-four. The old woman is still quite active, and is the mother of eight children, all living. She is a female of 300,000 years in the race.

William Connelly, of Franklin, Pa., has made a claim on the government for a large lot of tar which he purchased for the use of Commodore Perry's fleet on Lake Erie, just before the battle was fought.

Daniel McFarland is not a graduate of Dartmouth College, as incorrectly stated in the time of the Richardson homicide. He received from that institution, in fact, the degree of Master of Arts, without examination. The disappearance has probably arisen.

Adolphe Thiers succeeded, the other day, in effecting a reconciliation on his life at very low rates, in favor of his sister, the examining physicians having found that he was perfectly healthy, and that his excellent constitution would enable him to live for twenty years longer yet.

On the evening of the 13th inst. the friends of Miss Susan B. Anthony intend giving her a donation party at the Woman's Bureau, corner of Third street and Fourth avenue, New York, on the occasion of her birthday. On that day she will be 50 years old.

A German paper reports several fatal, to the certain knowledge, the reports that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert led a very happy life during the first years after their marriage, are entirely erroneous, and that the Prince, on account of incompatibility of temper, was in a perpetual conflict with the Queen. The report is now current and receiving credence in Germany.

George Sand has recently been involved in a quarrel with a young author in Tours, named Jean Dumartel, who has just published against her a pamphlet abusing her in the most unmeasured terms, among other things, that her son Maurice was not the son of her husband, but the illegitimate child of one of the Orleanist princes.

Madame Anna Bishop, the well known singer, writes: "Having learned that a rumor is flying in the region of the press to the effect that my professional relations are so unhappy as to induce me to apply for a divorce, permit me to say through your columns that there is not a solitary particle of truth in the report, and that it is wholly without foundation."

Prince Napoleon gives his son a spartan education. The boy is sent as a day boarder at a small school. By order of the Prince the rule is called "Verax," simply, except when he behaves extraordinarily well, when he may be called "Faux." Victor Verax is the boy's name. He has to be home punctually at 6 in the evening. At first dinner was prescribed by the Prince as lasting half an hour, but as Victor found it was all over in that time, all other little formalities were dispensed with.

IOWA.

The M. E. church at Jefferson was sold under execution on Monday of last week, the plaintiffs becoming the purchasers, for about $700. The proceeds are favorable for the speedy redemption of the property, the Church Extension Society coming to the aid of the most opportunely.

JAS. ST. JOHN DILLON, probably the oldest person in the State, expired at his residence, in Adams township, Delaware County. He was born in Gloucestershire, Queens County, Ireland, on the 9th day of June, 1784.

The Des Moines *Register* of the 6th says: "Colonel J. N. Dewey, of this city, the War Claim Commissioner appointed by the last Legislature to collect claims against the General Government for our expenses incurred in raising and equipping troops for the late Federal service, returned to this city this afternoon on Friday evening, and yesterday presented the Governor with a check on the Assistant Treasurer at New York for $1,000,000. The check was received from the government in payment of that amount on the 8th instalment of our claims. This makes a total of $6,000,000 of the claims already recovered, leaving but $1,000,000 of them still in contest."

INDIANA.

A live terrapin was recently discovered fifteen feet beneath the surface, by railroad navvies, in Vermillion County.

John Rose had a difficulty with an old man named Sigwe, in Greene County, about some hogs, and chopped him to pieces with an axe.

Shakefeter & Bray, millers, of Lexington, have failed for $50,000.

Locusts are still a local scourge, at fifty cents, in Vermillion County.

Stephen Lasbe, of Jasper County, recently deserted a young woman whom he promised to marry. The girl got a revolver, rode twenty miles on horseback, and made the young man go with her at the point of the pistol, accompany her to the office of a County Clerk, get a license and marry her. Then she returned home to her parents.

The Terre Haute *Express*, says: "A gentleman who spent last Sunday in Evansville assures us that a flock of goats invaded one of the churches in that city during service, and mingled their voices with those of the parson and the choir."

MICHIGAN.

The schools in Kewaunee are closed on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever.

On Wednesday night of last week, thirty ladies, in Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, entered the saloon of Jesse Williams, late of LaGrange, and broke open and scattered about the stock of liquors he had previously retained in business there.

The Milwaukee *Wisconsin* says:

"A gentleman called at the Marquess relative to the following incident, for the truth of which he vouches: One day last week a man went into a butcher's shop in this city to drink, and meeting a host sympathetic, remained to drink with him. Then he went to another, and another, and another. Overcome by the liquor he had drunk, he fell down on the floor, and there he lay, and went to sleep. A faithful dog, who had followed his master into the saloon, stood over him, until the whistle of a locomotive in the vicinity aroused the dog, and he started off to the depot to meet his master. The dog, fully aware of the danger imminent by the approach of the locomotive, endeavored to move his chosen helpless in the attempt. Unable to awaken the drunken man by the shoulder and finally dragged him from the track just in time to save him from the train. But the poor dog who had so faithfully protected the master from harm, suffered by the contact of the locomotive, and bled to death. When the man recovered his senses he found that his dog was dead on the track, and was informed by the dog, in the strong efforts made by the faithful animal to save his master's life, he had sustained by the wheels of the faithful animal and subsequently died. It was a fair representation of the noble and devoted friendship of the dog for his master."

WISCONSIN.

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[From our own correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.

Senator Abbott, who kindly undertook Senator Sprague's fight for him, has found it a hard one on his own evidence, to save in the reprobation motion, asking for a national police force to keep order in the South. This is another illustration of the difficulty of getting fighting material from a dead to think such times as offering themselves with half the zeal of Rhode Island, Washington, they came in about the same time as the Norwegians, a regiment of which was raised here, and organized in the field. At this time the Norwegians were in the midst of the war fever, and enlisted by the hundred. Many of them were killed in one week, in London, by being run over by horses or carriages. How many were subtracted during the next month further, I do not know.

Senator Abbott, like the Prince Machetti, was a General; but there is no accounting for superiors. He was an editor at Manchester, N. H., and at Boston, and practiced in Massachusetts courts. He is a Democrat, a refugee in the Senate, having been born in North Carolina and being a Carolinian, native to secession from the Union. Then, while's principle, kill all officers of the law, and cut out the tongues of literary men who may oppose the movement. Their morals or opinions have been transferred to Siberia.

The principal feature in the new treaty between Russia and China is the definition of the boundary question. A breadth of fourteen miles of neutral ground is ineffed along the entire frontier, and the regulations import or export dues are only claimed on passing beyond this limit. All merchants passing this boundary must have a passport and a guard to see that they do not carry contraband. The treaty is fixed for five years from date.

Living in Harrodsburg, Kentucky is an old negro woman who is ninety or quite close to it. She has a son who is ninety-six, and a daughter who is eighty-four. The old woman is still quite active, and is the mother of eight children, all living. She is a female of 300,000 years in the race.

William Connelly, of Franklin, Pa., has made a claim on the government for a large lot of tar which he purchased for the use of Commodore Perry's fleet on Lake Erie, just before the battle was fought.

Daniel McFarland is not a graduate of Dartmouth College, as incorrectly stated at the time of the Richardson homicide. He received from that institution, in fact, the degree of Master of Arts, without examination. The disappearance has probably arisen.

Adolphe Thiers succeeded, the other day, in effecting a reconciliation on his life at very low rates, in favor of his sister, the examining physicians having found that he was perfectly healthy, and that his excellent constitution would enable him to live for twenty years longer yet.

On the evening of the 13th inst. the friends of Miss Susan B. Anthony intend giving her a donation party at the Woman's Bureau, corner of Third street and Fourth avenue, New York, on the occasion of her birthday. On that day she will be 50 years old.

A German paper reports several fatal, to the certain knowledge, the reports that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert led a very happy life during the first years after their marriage, are entirely erroneous, and that the Prince, on account of incompatibility of temper, was in a perpetual conflict with the Queen. The report is now current and receiving credence in Germany.

George Sand has recently been involved in a quarrel with a young author in Tours, named Jean Dumartel, who has just published against her a pamphlet abusing her in the most unmeasured terms, among other things, that her son Maurice was not the son of her husband, but the illegitimate child of one of the Orleanist princes.

Madame Anna Bishop, the well known singer, writes: "Having learned that a rumor is flying in the region of the press to the effect that my professional relations are so unhappy as to induce me to apply for a divorce, permit me to say through your columns that there is not a solitary particle of truth in the report, and that it is wholly without foundation."

Prince Napoleon gives his son a spartan education. The boy is sent as a day boarder at a small school. By order of the Prince the rule is called "Verax," simply, except when he behaves extraordinarily well, when he may be called "Faux." Victor Verax is the boy's name. He has to be home punctually at 6 in the evening. At first dinner was prescribed by the Prince as lasting half an hour, but as Victor found it was all over in that time, all other little formalities were dispensed with.

Miraculous Escape—A Young Lad in a Menagerie Attacked by the Star's Walks out of a Stalloed Car.

From the Buffalo Courier, Sat.

An accident occurred on the night express train of the New York & Erie Railroad, due here at 11:25 p. m., which, but for the coolness and the effectual presence of mind, and great courage displayed by the actors in the scene, would have resulted in the loss of many lives, and the destruction of the train. As it is, the accident, grave fatal it is, is one of the most serious that has occurred on the road for many years. Immediately in the rear car of the train was a menagerie car, containing the animals, &c., belonging to the menagerie, which was exhibiting in Dunkirk on Friday evening, and yesterday proceeded to the Governor with a check on the Assistant Treasurer at New York for $1,000,000. The check was received from the government in payment of that amount on the 8th instalment of our claims. This makes a total of $6,000,000 of the claims already recovered, leaving but $1,000,000 of them still in contest."

INDIANA.

A live terrapin was recently discovered fifteen feet beneath the surface, by railroad navvies, in Vermillion County.

John Rose had a difficulty with an old man named Sigwe, in Greene County, about some hogs, and chopped him to pieces with an axe.

Shakefeter & Bray, millers, of Lexington, have failed for $50,000.

Locusts are still a local scourge, at fifty cents, in Vermillion County.

Stephen Lasbe, of Jasper County, recently deserted a young woman whom he promised to marry. The girl got a revolver, rode twenty miles on horseback, and made the young man go with her at the point of the pistol, accompany her to the office of a County Clerk, get a license and marry her. Then she returned home to her parents.

The Terre Haute *Express*, says: "A gentleman who spent last Sunday in Evansville assures us that a flock of goats invaded one of the churches in that city during service, and mingled their voices with those of the parson and the choir."

MICHIGAN.

The schools in Kewaunee are closed on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever.

On Wednesday night of last week, thirty ladies, in Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, entered the saloon of Jesse Williams, late of LaGrange, and broke open and scattered about the stock of liquors he had previously retained in business there.

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THE BYRON SCANDAL AGAIN.

Review of Mrs. Stowe's Vindication by the Quarterly Review.

New and Important Points in the Case.

More Letters from Lady Byron to Mrs. Leigh Made Public.

From the New York Herald, Feb. 6.

We have received from an advance copy of the London Quarterly Review, which will contain the reply to Mrs. Stowe's vindication of Lord Byron, which we published in full in the Herald. The article is from the pen of Judge Cleasby, and is a most able and exhaustive review of the whole case, as well as a most powerful defense of Lord Byron. The writer has evidently had access to all the documents in the case, and has made the most of them. He has also had the benefit of Lord Lovelace's pamphlet, in which he has published a number of letters from Lady Byron to Mrs. Leigh, which throw a flood of light upon the whole matter. Judge Cleasby has also had the benefit of Mr. Fitzgerald

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1870.

FOREIGN.

The Arrest of M. Rochefort, and What Followed.

Great Excitement---Several Policemen Killed and Wounded.

Discussion of the Arrest in the Corps Legislatif.

Queen Victoria's Address to Parliament.

France.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Evening.—Rochefort was arrested at his residence at Belleville, in the northeastern part of the city, at an early hour in the evening. His friends are assembling in great crowds. Serious trouble is expected.

Feb. 8.—1 a. m.—The troubles at Belleville are serious. The streets are filled with shouting people, and barricading has commenced. A detachment of troops has arrived. They lasted all night, and have extended northward to Levilette, the extreme northeastern arrondissement within the fortifications. The troops have not yet resorted to firearms; the police are active, and have made many arrests. Beyond the excitement naturally incident to such an occasion, the rest of the city is tranquil. The government cabinet remains in session.

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